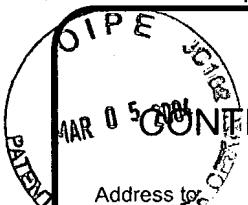


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Application Number	09/937,635
Filing Date	September 25, 2001
First Named Inventor	Jochen et al.
Art Unit	1775
Examiner Name	Wendy L. Boss
Attorney Docket Number	920522-905370

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

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b. Other _____

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FEET TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	1053	130	Non - English specification	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)					1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND

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1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
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1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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